

## PARISH DIARY

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
11:15am	APCM	St John's
4:30pm	Messy Church	St Michael's

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:00am	School Lent Workshops	St Michael's
11:30am	Extended Communion	Darwin Court

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:00am	School Lent Workshops	St Michael's

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
9:30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:30am	Lent Study Course	St Michael's
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St Michael's

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	Churchyard Working Party	St Michael's
10:00am	Knitting Group	St John's
7:30pm	Bell Ringing	St Michael's

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

8:15am	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
10:00am	Churchyard Working Party	St Michael's

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

10:00am	Parish Surgery	St Michael's
10:00am	Churchyard Working Party	St Michael's

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

8:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
10:00am	Holy Communion	St John's
6:00pm	Choral Evensong	St Michael's

## CHURCHES TOGETHER

### **ST JAMES THE GREAT, LONGDON.**

Join us for a celebration! Walk in the footsteps of Bishop John Stoneywell to celebrate 500 years of history. This 'Longdon lad' rose to become Abbott of Pershore Abbey, the last before its dissolution, and was buried in 1553 in the chapel he had built at Longdon church in 1520. Do join us for either or both of these celebratory events.

◆ Another of our very popular history talks by John Shand on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** 7pm for 7.30pm. The cost is £7.50 and includes canapés and a glass of wine.

◆ A walk of pilgrimage led by Bishop Michael on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, from Stonywell where the future Abbott and Bishop was born in around 1475, to Longdon church for a service of celebration and reconciliation, then afternoon tea. The walk will start at 1.30pm and the service at 3.00pm. Music of the period will be provided by the Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir.

Contact [events@stjames-longdon.org.uk](mailto:events@stjames-longdon.org.uk) for more information

## OTHER

**ST MICHAEL'S IN CASE OF EMERGENCY FORM** Forms are available for people to give contact details of those we should contact if they are taken ill or have an accident in church. Forms will be kept in a file in the vestry and information from them will only be used when absolutely necessary.

**TASTE AND SEE** -Have you ever considered training to be a Reader? There are to be some Reader Training Taster Sessions this Spring. Each is designed to give a broad introduction to the content and expectations of Reader Training and is a great opportunity to gain insight and ask any questions you may have. Each session includes an act of worship, a general introduction to Reader Training and a taster teaching session. If anyone would like more details, have a word with Simon or Ruth.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD** A very big thank you to all those who have donated towards the cost of the 5 new trees for the **Crab Apple Tree Avenue**. The trees will be planted at the **Churchyard Working Party, held between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. this coming Saturday, March 21st**. We will also continue to clear vegetation in the dense, overgrown area at the back of the Churchyard. **Tea, Coffee and Cake** will be provided during the **Mid-Morning Break**. Do please join us if you can. Ray Allen 251654

# CHURCH NOTICES



15<sup>th</sup> March  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**A WARM WELCOME** to any visitors here today. Please stop for a chat after the service.

## **AIDS TO WORSHIP**

~Large print orders of service & hymn books

~Hearing Loops at St Michael - Please set your hearing aid to 'T' to listen.

~Gluten-free wafers are available.

## **Staying in Touch**

**Due to current concerns about Corona Virus people may decide not to come to church especially if they have underlying health problems. But please don't lose touch! If you are staying away, please let the Rector (☎ 253010) or the office know (☎ 262211) and we will keep in touch by email or by telephone.**

## **LENT COURSE**

**LENT OUTING on MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled.**

**LENT STUDY COURSE FOR ST MICHAEL'S AND ST JOHN'S** *Caring for God's Creation* Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March For more details pick up a Lent, Holy Week & Easter card from the back of church.

**LENT BOOK** Copies of the Archbishop's Lent Book *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio are now available. This will be the focus of the CTIL Lent Groups and will also be used as a resource in our own Lent course. Please take a copy. If you wish to contribute to the cost please make a £5 donation through the contactless payment machine

## **VOLUNTEERING AND CHARITIES**

**LICHFIELD FOOD BANK.** Thank you for your continuing support for Lichfield Foodbank. The latest needs are instant mash, jam, tinned tuna

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** Sonia and I will be collecting in HOME BOXES during March for the annual count. If you would like yours collected on a particular day please ring me (phone number on bottom of box). If you take it to St Michael's Church please ask a member of church staff to put it in the safe. Thanks a lot, *Maureen Duff*

**BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL: Precious in my sight** St Michael's will be collecting for this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal **TODAY Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** The appeal will support some of the most vulnerable members of our society by giving to Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall and by supporting clergy families under pressure in our Link Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa. For more information please pick up a leaflet from the back of church. If you wish to donate, would you please put the money in the official grey Bishops Lent Appeal envelope. Please fill in the front of the envelope if you are able to gift aid and make any cheques out to 'PCC of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield'

## **EVENTS**

**KALEIDOSCOPE CONCERT SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 7.30PM** Come and join us for a musical evening with the popular Kaleidoscope Choir. Tickets £7 to include drinks and nibbles and will be available to purchase on Easter Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds to church funds.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Choir Concert** at St Michael's on Saturday 27 June, 6.30 – 8 pm

**Teddy Bear Picnic** at St Michael's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm